Enhancing Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Services

Community Support System Provider Type
Why Change is Needed

• Prior to the pandemic, there were not enough providers to serve the behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, or dually-diagnosed populations. The situation is now getting worse.

• Providers continue to provide either intellectual/developmental disabilities services OR behavioral health services – not both, which is an ongoing and persistent problem.

• It has gotten harder and harder to find placement for clients with higher, more complex needs.
DHS is proposing the creation of a new Arkansas Medicaid provider type/certification called a Community Support System Provider. This new certification will allow providers to become certified to serve the behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and dually-diagnosed populations. The benefits of this new provider type include:

• Eliminating the need for two different certifications for providers who want to provide home and community-based services to any of these populations, though those individual certifications will remain in place and available to providers who choose to serve a single population.

• Breaks down the barrier between the home and community-based services and the intensive services to allow for easier and faster program transitions for our clients.

• Opens new business opportunities for providers and allows us to maximize the current provider networks and direct care staff.
**Provider Types**

**CES Waiver Certified Can Offer:**
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living
- Respite
- Adaptive Equipment
- Community Transition Services
- Consultation
- Intervention
- Environmental Modifications
- Supplemental Support
- Specialized Medical Supplies

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- Supported Living
- Respite
- Adaptive Equipment
- Community Transition Services
- Consultation
- Intervention
- Environmental Modifications
- Supplemental Support
- Specialized Medical Supplies
- Behavioral Assistance
- Adult Rehab Day
- Peer Support
- Family Support Partners
- Supportive Life Skills Development
- Child and Youth Support Services
- Supportive Housing
- Mobile Crisis Intervention
- Therapeutic Host Home
- Therapeutic Communities
- Community Reintegration

**Outpatient Behavioral Health Agency Certified Can Offer:**
- Behavioral Assistance
- Adult Rehab Day
- Peer Support
- Family Support Partners
- Supportive Life Skills Development
- Child and Youth Support Services
- Supportive Housing
- Mobile Crisis Intervention
- Therapeutic Host Home
- Therapeutic Communities
- Community Reintegration
- Supportive Employment
Two Levels of Certification

Base Community Support System Provider Certification allows providers to offer:

- Supported living
- Supported employment
- Crisis intervention
- Consultation
- Respite
- Supplemental supports
- Peer supports
- Behavioral assistance
- Family support partners
- Supportive life skills
- Supported housing
- Community transition
- Child and youth support

Enhanced Community Support System Provider Certification allows the provider to offer all services that a base certification can offer plus:

- Therapeutic communities
- Community reintegration
- Adult day rehab
- Mobile crisis
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